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1. SUMMARY. GOR HAS RECENTLY HOSTED TWO DELEGATIONS EACH FROM SOVIET UNION AND CHINA. ITS TREATMENT OF RESPECTIVE DELS PROVIDES ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF GOR'S WELL-KNOWN AGILITY IN METING OUT BALANCED TREATMENT TO THE TWO ADVERSARIES. IF ANYTHING, CHINESE SEEM TO HAVE COME OUT SOMEWHAT AHEAD IN TERMS OF PROTOCOL AND TIMING, A FACT WHICH HAS NOT GONE UNNOTICED BY SOVIET EMBASSY HERE. END SUMMARY.

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2. THIS MONTH HAS SEEN GOR PLAY HOST TO A MAJOR CHINESE PARLIAMENTARY DEL (MAY 5-11), AS WELL AS A DELEGATION OF SOME 40 CHINESE PARTY ACTIVISTS. BOTH DELS WERE CONSPICUOUS IN THEIR ATTENDANCE OF ROMANIAN MAY 9 INDEPENDENCE CENTENNIAL CEREMONIES. CHINESE PARLIAMENTARY DEL WAS HEADED BY SAIFUDIN, CANDIDATE MEMBER IN POLITBURO AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY VICE PRESIDENT. DEL MET WITH CEAUSESCU AND RCP SECRETARY

ANDREI (MAY 16) AND WAS GIVEN DINNER, HOSTED BY GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (GNA) PRESIDENT GOISAN AND ATTENDED BY RCP PARTY SECRETARIES BANC AND DASCALESCU AND PERMANENT BUREAU MEMBER OPREA. DEL ALSO VISITED BUCHAREST, BRASOV AND CONSTANTA COUNTIES, THE LATTER ACCOMPANIED BY GIOSAN.

3. LATER IN MONTH (MAY 16-23) SOVIET PARLIAMENTARY DEL, HEADED BY ARTUR PAVLOVICH VADER, VICE PRESIDENT OF SUPREME SOVIET AND PRESIDENT OF ESTONIAN RSR, CAME TO TOWN. A SOVIET-ROMANIAN FRIENDSHIP DEL HAD PREVIOUSLY VISITED ROMANIA TO ATTEND MAY 9 CEREMONIES. SOV PARLIAMENTARY DEL ALSO MET WITH CEAUSESCU AND ANDREI (MAY 20 AND VISITED BUCHAREST, MEHEDENTI, TIMIS AND CONSTANTA COUNTIRESM ONCE AGAIN GNA PRESIDENT GIOSAN HOSTED DINNER, ATTENDED BY PARTY SECRETARY BANC AND PERMANENT BUREAU MEMBER RADULESCU.

4. GOR HAS CLEARLY ACCORDED SOVIET AND CHINESE DELS CAREFULLY BALANCED TREATMENT. NEVERTHELESS, CHINESE SEEM TO COME OUT SOMEWHAT AHEAD IN TERMS OF POLITICAL PERSONALITIES SEEN AND TIMING OF THEIR VISIT, E.G., PRESENCE OF TWO LARGE CHINESE DELS AT MAY 9 CEREMONIES. IN ADDITION THERE IS RCP ACTIVIST DEL PRESENTLY IN CHINA, HEADED BY NEAMT JUDET FIRST SECRETARY STEFAN BOBOS. DATT WAS RECENTLY TOLD BY ONE SOURCE THAT SOVIETS WERE PERTURBED BY THIS MONTH'S CHINESE PRESENCE IN BUCHAREST. SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICERS ARE ALSO CURRENTLY INQUIRING ABOUT POSSIBLE CEAUSESCU VISIT TO CHINA THIS YEAR, PROBABLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH ASIAN TRIP PLANNED FOR FALL. WITH SOVIETS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPARENTLY AGAIN READY PUBLICLY TO ATTACK CHINESE POLICIES, SUCH ROMANIAN EVEN-HANDEDNESS IS NOT LIKELY TO BE APPRECIATED.
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